

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 4, 2014**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council, Ross Bittner at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

***Absent and Excused:*** Ms. Brandy

Mrs. George made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Moody to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Finance Director Jill Claire, City Manager Bill Kocher, Mayor Joseph Roetting, Law Director Steve Wolf, Chief Marc Waldeck

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the February 18, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

A reminder that the Beautification Committee now have plant vouchers for Moeller Greenhouse. The order forms will be due by March 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee will receive a portion of each sale.

The Planning Commission met last week regarding the changes being discussed about the planning and zoning. There was good resident input. There was a big interest in the poultry business. We seem to have the maximum number of chickens on the low side. Nothing was finalized. We will continue to discuss and meet again.

The Assumption Festival will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a security meeting coming up that the City will attend. The weekend of the festival will be the beginning of the summer festivals.

Chief Waldeck has plans to break the park into zones and have 2 officers at each zone. When one person needs to take a break there will always be at least one officer there at all times. The festival will still be fenced off this year, but last year crowds gathered in the park.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher**

Street priority list was in your packet that you have seen before. I spoke with our engineer and the state is really pushing to have grants available for streets. We could potentially get a grant to do a grind and overlay and some curb replacement. It's something that has to be looked at. See where we could do this. Let's work with our engineer and see what we might be able to get. This is definitely something we want to look at.

There has been a lot of talk about the Kirby vacuum salesman in the city. They did register and pay the fee with the city. Solicitation is not illegal. You can put a "No Soliciting" sign in your window they wouldn't be able to knock on your door. We should look at our solicitation ordinance and see where some things could be changed. The hours are as written now is 9am-9pm – we may want to look at changing that.

There is an outline on your desks regarding 7272 Hamilton Avenue. Universal Life Church of Cincinnati has submitted a request for that property use. What they say they are going to do here is allowed in the zoning. This property will be used as a non-profit church facility to be operated with its primary use being weekly public traditional worship services and related regularly scheduled ongoing typical church activities for church members and open to members of the public.

The concern is if this is a church none of those things have been answered. We don't know who the pastor is, what time are the services, who their congregation is, how big it is. There is no evidence it's a church other than it's registered, which is a place you can go online for free. You could become ordained in 5 minutes and have a church in your home. This looks like a rental hall. This is a guy who is trying to make a buck and found a loop hole and is using religion as a loop hole and it's disgusting. We have to let this go through for us to know if it will happen. This is not a zoning change. There is nothing we can do.

There is a little bit of a variance for the letter approval that is going to go out. On the electric side they have come back and said they don't find it to be effective that are not eligible to receive a letter. They are not wanting to do that. The only folks that are eligible are the ones with Duke. It will be a waste of resources to somebody that is already under contract because the majority of them are not going to be able to opt out. The gas provider is going to still send out the letter. It was disappointing because all along we have been saying everybody is going to get a letter. We think we need to have our contractor come back out and explain what these changes are.

Penklor is the company building the house over on Joseph Street that we had condemned. The idea of owning a home is not always the ideal thing and more and more you are hearing people wanting to rent because of expenses. Penklor did say they might sell this, but they are going to keep it in their portfolio of a single family rental. Still think this is a positive.

Community Day with the Cincinnati Reds is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at The Great American Ballpark. It will be Reds vs The Chicago Cubs. Go Reds!

### **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 14-1698:** A second reading of an ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest and best bidder for the City of Mt. Healthy 2014 park improvements project. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 14-1053:** A second reading of resolution requesting the county auditor to make payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

R.I.T.A conversion has been going good so far. The website is up and working for filing taxes. It's a big change. We have had some feedback the website is confusing.

Update on the salt usage. We have used over 400 tons of salt this year. We are over \$8000 in budget for salt and over \$1000 in overtime. We are working with other cities to get salt from them and that has been working so far. Hopefully we are coming to an end of needing it.


**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Lingo questioned the signs at the old Briarwood location. They are just hand written signs put up in the windows. Bill Knight has been working with them regarding the store.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

  
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Ross Bittner, President of Council

  
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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council